

Phase # 1: Policy & Visioning

PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONS

How well does the decision-making process address the transportation context at this phase?

State Agencies

Do we have a mechanism for fostering engaged communities?

- Is the visioning/policy-making process conducted in a collaborative manner, with shared decision-making among multiple parties?
- Is meaningful and robust stakeholder outreach an integral part of the visioning/policy-making process?
- Is adequate funding allocated for stakeholder involvement in the visioning/policy-making process?

Do we have agency-wide policies in place that reflect our willingness to collaborate with communities and citizens to incorporate their values into decision-making?

Does the agency have a policy on any of the following topics:

- Environmental stewardship?
- Collaboration/stakeholder involvement?
- Complete streets?
- Transportation and land use integration?
- Safe routes to schools?
- Others?

Does our decision-making process support the implementation of our adopted policies?

What is the range of support provided for implementation?

- Are the policies acknowledged among the factors that drive the transportation decision-making process?
- Have these policies led to changes in the process followed or the standards used in decision-making?
- Does our agency provide policy or technical leadership to support implementation of these policies?
- Does our agency provide technical assistance to other agencies with implementation powers (local governments, transit agencies, etc.) with regard to implementation of these policies?
- Is there a clear link between the adopted policies and the project selection/prioritization process or the funding allocation process?

Do we have policies in place that state or imply that the agency's transportation mission/values are paramount to community values?

- Is this explicitly stated up-front during the visioning/policy-making process?
- Are the constraints these policies impose clear to citizens and other stakeholders in the decision-making process?
- Does our agency have a conflict resolution policy that includes a commitment to resolving differences with partners and stakeholders?

Phase # 2: Long-range Planning & Programming

PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONS

How well does the decision-making process address the transportation context at this phase?

Is there community-wide consensus on the identified local, regional plans, or policies that will be used to support context definition during Planning?

Do the local community plans consider the impacts that their plans and decisions have on mobility, development and natural resources throughout the region and state?

Are community plans integrated so that they reflect a consistent understanding of community values?

What specific mechanisms or elements have been incorporated into collaborative stakeholder involvement process to address inconsistencies in local plans and/or gaps in understanding of community equality of life values?

Phase # 3: Environmental Studies and Preliminary Design

PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONS

How well does the decision-making process address the transportation context at this phase?

Is there community-wide consensus on the long-range transportation plan and other local plans/policies that will be used to support context definition during this phase?

What opportunities are available for meaningful citizen involvement as part of the environmental study and preliminary design process?

What opportunities are available for practitioner collaboration, among practitioners with different skills and areas of interest, as part of the environmental study and preliminary design process?

What specific mechanisms have been incorporated into the environmental study and preliminary design process to ensure that community context is considered as a vital part of the process?

Phase # 4: Final Design & Right-of-Way

PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONS

Does the final design and right-of-way acquisition process follow-through on commitments made during earlier phases, including those reached through collaboration with citizens and other practitioners?

Phase # 5: Construction

PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONS

How well does the decision-making process address the transportation context at this phase?

Does the construction process follow-through on commitments made during earlier phases, including those reached through collaboration with citizens and other practitioners?

Have environmental stewardship processes, procedures and standard operating procedures been integrated into all construction processes and procedures?

Phase # 6: Operations & Maintenance

PROCESS EVALUATION QUESTIONS

How well does the decision-making process address the transportation context at this phase?

Does the operations and maintenance process follow-through on commitments made during earlier phases, including those reached through collaboration with citizens and other practitioners?

Is decision-making in the operations and maintenance phase tied back to the policies developed in Phase 1, related to community context and needs?

Are there processes in place to allow for community and citizen input in the operations and maintenance decision-making process?

Have environmental stewardship processes, procedures and standard operating procedures been integrated into all operations and maintenance programs and activities?